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**Proposed Bill No. 5801**

LCO No. 2256

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:

REP. GROGINS, 129th Dist.

REP. HORNISH, 62nd Dist.

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF DOGS OBTAINED FROM  
PUPPY MILLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to prohibit pet stores or
- 2 breeders that sell dogs to the public from selling dogs that are obtained
- 3 from a "substandard puppy mill" and to define "substandard puppy
- 4 mill" as any facility: (1) Where dogs are housed in a cage without
- 5 allowing such dogs daily exercise, (2) where dogs are not maintained
- 6 in a dry and reasonably clean condition, (3) that does not provide
- 7 adequate protection from the elements, (4) that does not provide
- 8 sufficient space to shelter all of the dogs at the facility to be housed in a
- 9 primary enclosure at the same time, (5) that does not provide clean and
- 10 potable water at all times, (6) that does not provide proper and
- 11 nutritious food for such dogs, (7) that houses dogs in an enclosure with
- 12 floors that are not constructed in a manner that protects the dogs' feet
- 13 and legs from injury, (8) that houses dogs in an enclosure that does not
- 14 allow them to turn around freely or to sit, stand or lie down
- 15 comfortably, or (9) maintains dogs in an enclosure that is not at least

16 six inches higher than the head height of the tallest dog in such  
17 enclosure.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To promote the humane treatment and care of dogs that are bred for retail sale and to protect the consumer purchasing such dogs.